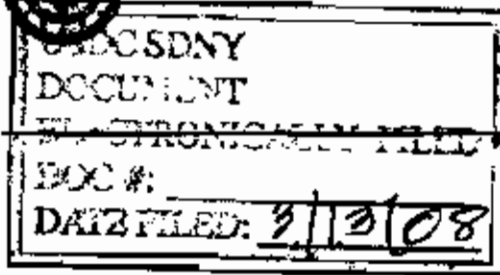


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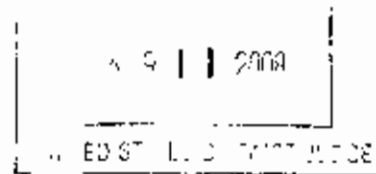
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Re: Shashkevich v. Chertoff, et al.  
08 Civ. 0061 (NRB)

Dear Judge Buchwald:

The Government respectfully requests a thirty-day extension of time, from March 10, 2008, to April 9, 2008, to answer or otherwise respond to the complaint in the above-captioned matter. This case concerns the alleged unreasonable delay in adjudicating plaintiff's application for adjustment of status. This Office has been informed by Citizenship and Immigration Services that it is likely that the application can be adjudicated within the next thirty days. Adjudication of the application would render this case moot.

This is the Government's first request for an extension. Boris Palant, attorney for the plaintiff, consents to the requested extension.

I thank the Court for its consideration of this request.

Respectfully submitted,

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